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SUBJ: LIBYAN URGES THE MOSCOW ROUTE ON SIAD; SECOND LEVEL SOMALI
EXPRESSES DISMAY WITH WEST

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR KHAIRAT CALLED MARCH 6 TO TELL ME WHAT
HE HAD LEARNED OF SIAD'S MEETING WITH QADHAFI. SIAD DEPARTED
MOGADISCIO ON TUESDAY, FEB 28 AND RETURNED FROM TRIPOLI ON FRIDAY
MARCH 3. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MOHAMED SHARIF, MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO IS BILINGUAL IN ARABIC
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SHARIF SUMMONED KHAIRAT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S
CALL TO INFORM HIM THAT LIBYA'S "MAD"MAN"
HEAD OF STATE TOLD SIAD IT WOULD BE BEST IF HE CEASED ANY FURTHER
ENTREATIES FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EGYPT, IRAN OR SAUDI ARABIA SINCE
ALL THREE WERE UNABLE TO COME TO HIS RESCUE SINCE WASHINGTON'S
ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS WRE ORCHESTRATING THE SOLUTION TO THE
HUMAN RIGHTS OF SOMALI NATIONALS LIVING IN THEIR HOMELANDS.

QADHAFI, HOWEVER, ASSERTED HE HELD AN OPEN DOOR TO MOSCOW WHICH WAS AVAILABLE TO SIAD SHOULD HE CHOOSE TO USE IT. ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN, SHARIF DID NOT ATTEND ALL THE MEETINGS WITH QADHAFI.

2. SHARIF TOLD KHAIRAT THAT SINCE SIAD'S RETURN FROM HARGEISA, MARCH 5, THE SOMALI LEADER HAS BEEN IN ALMOST IN CONTINUOUS CONFERENCE WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SHARIF COULD ONLY SPECULATE ON THE TOPICS, BUT FROM HIS CONTACTS SHARIF BELIEVED THAT SIAD WAS NOW FACING REALITY AND THAT THE ONLY DECISION WAS HOW TO KNUCKLE UNDER TO THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. SHARIF THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT ALL OF HIS NON SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST FRIENDS WERE APPALLED AT THE LACK OF WILL ON THE PART OF THE WEST AND IN PARTICULAR THE US. SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, SHARIF SAID HE WAS APPALLED AT THE POWER OF THE ZIONIST LOBBY IN THE US TO DICTATE TO A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE ONLY HOPE OF ANYONE IN THE FREE WORLD - THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

3. KHAIRAT REPEATEDLY PROBED SHARIF TO DETERMINE WHAT MESSAGE QADHAFI HAD DELIVERED FROM MOSCOW. SHARIF CLAIMED THAT SIAD HOPED TO DELIVER IT IN PERSON TO SADAT IF SADAT WOULD HIM, BUT ON THIS POINT THE SOMALI BELIEVED THAT SIAD WAS ALL TOO WELL AWARE OF THE DELICATE POSITION HE WAS NOW IN WITH THE USG AND CONGRESS, AND WOULD PROBABLY DEFER TO WASHINGTON'S DESIRES THAT SADAT NOT REPEAT NOT SEE SIAD UNTIL THE LATTER HAD SUBMITTED TO THE US PROPOSAL THAT HE AGREE TO A UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY
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AND LIBERATION FORCES FROM LANDS HISTORICALLY GRAZED, CULTIVATED AND CARED FOR BY SOMALIS (THE OGADEN) WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBANS AND THEIR SOVIET MASTERS.

4. COMMENT: SHARIF IS NORMALLY A GUARDED AND CIRCUMSPECT SPOKESMAN. SOME OF THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM ARE OUT OF CHARACTER, BUT ARE AT LEAST PLAUSIBLE. I DO NOT DOUBT THAT THEY WERE MADE WITH THE INTENT THAT THEY BE PASSED ALONG TO ME. KHAIRAT HAS ENJOYED A PRIVILEGED POSITION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE GSDR'S MOST FAITHFUL ALLIES. I THINK HE HAS PROBABLY GLEANED AS MUCH AS ANY NON-SOMALI IS LIKELY TO OBTAIN ON THE LIBYAN TRIP, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. I ACCEPT AS ACCURATE AS WELL THE INFORMATION THAT SIAD IS IN CONSTANT CONFERENCE WITH HIS SENIOR PARTY COLLEAGUES ATTEMPTING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO IN THIS HOUR OF CRISIS FOR THE GSDR. MY SUMMONS TO SEE VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE YESTERDAY, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE WHEN UPON ARRIVING AT THE LATTER'S OFFICE I WAS INFORMED THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS JUST SUMMONED TO THE PRESIDENCY. MY INVITATION HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED.
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